



# City of Goshen

## STORMWATER TOOLBOX

**Public Works & Utilities**  
**Department of Stormwater**

**204 E. Jefferson Street**

**Goshen, Indiana 46528**

**574-534-2201**

[bit.ly/goshen-stormwater](http://bit.ly/goshen-stormwater)

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**Dustin Sailor**

**Stormwater Coordinator:**

**Jason Kauffman— 537-3832**

through their groundwater protection ordinance ([bit.ly/ElkCoGWPO](http://bit.ly/ElkCoGWPO)).

**For more information** on the Sixth Great Lake, check out: [bit.ly/6thGreatLake](http://bit.ly/6thGreatLake) where the picture to the right comes from.

**Remember:** What is done above ground can reach the water below! Only rain down the storm drain.

Check out the video “I Am Invisible” - A Groundwater Story - [bit.ly/GW\\_Video](http://bit.ly/GW_Video).

### Groundwater—The Sixth Great Lake

There are five Great Lakes: Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie, and Ontario and they contain **84%** and **21%** of all the fresh water in the USA and the world respectively. You could say there is a sixth Great Lake in the groundwater underneath the Great Lakes Watershed. The groundwater adds up to roughly the same amount of water as Lake Huron.

As residents of the City of Goshen, we rely upon the sixth Great Lake for our water and the City works hard to protect our drinking water wells by creating “wellhead protection areas” ([bit.ly/Goshen-Wellhead](http://bit.ly/Goshen-Wellhead)). Additionally, the Elkhart County Health Department works hard to protect groundwater

#### Sources of Groundwater Contamination



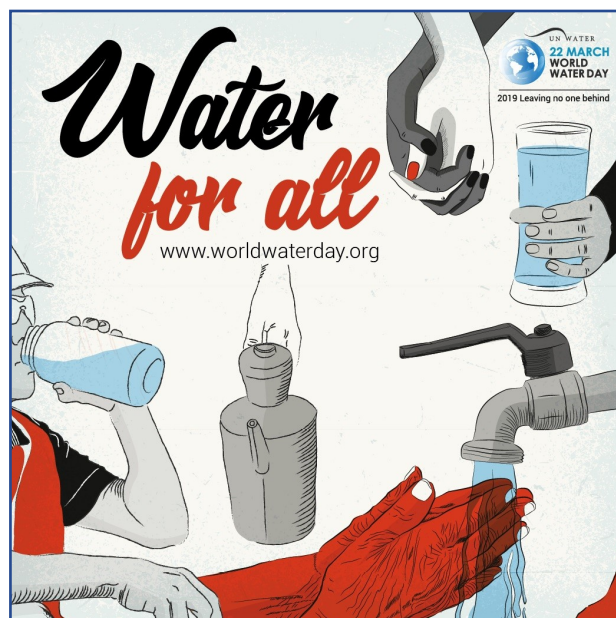
### World Water Day 2019: Leaving No One Behind

World Water Day is celebrated every year on March 22nd to help raise awareness of the importance of water and the water related issues that affect humans in every country. Created by the United Nations, the goal of World Water Day is to bring aid to people who truly need it across borders.

This year's theme is “Leaving No One Behind”, meaning no matter who you are or where you live, water is your human right. Through our daily choices and actions, we can affect the availability of clean water to our neighbors and those who live downstream of us.

**To protect our water resources** make sure to always dispose of household hazardous wastes correctly; don't flush medications; don't pour oil, paint, gas, etc. on the ground; use minimal amounts of salt in the winter; etc. Together we can make sure no one is left behind.

All for water and water for all!





# A DROP OF NEWS

## Your Stormwater Newsletter

### Adopt-A-Storm Drain

Spring has arrived and all things are new again. However, before the new can truly arrive the old has to be washed away. In this case the old includes all of the pollutants (trash, sediment, pet waste, salt, oil, etc.) that have accumulated on our roads, sidewalks, and driveways. Help reduce the impact of stormwater pollution by volunteering to be a Storm Drain Steward by taking the Volunteer Service Pledge at Clear Choices Clean Water ([bit.ly/H2O-Volunteer](http://bit.ly/H2O-Volunteer)).



Let's all do our part by making sure the storm drain outside of our home or business is kept clear of trash, grass clippings, leaves, or sediment, etc. This will lead to cleaner water and less flooding in our streets.



### Rain Barrel and Rain Garden Incentive Program Workshops

If you live in Elkhart, Goshen, Bristol, or unincorporated areas of Elkhart County, you're eligible for reimbursement from the Greater Elkhart County Storm Water Partnership for up to \$250 for native rain garden plants and \$50 per rain barrel (maximum of two barrels per residence). Applications are at: [www.elkcoswcd.org/homeowners/](http://www.elkcoswcd.org/homeowners/). Contact the Elkhart County SWCD at 574-533-4383 ext. 3 for more information or to register for one of the three upcoming workshops from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm:

- ❖ Tuesday, April 30th at the Willowdale Park Pavilion—1320 Olive Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46514
- ❖ Tuesday, May 7th at the Baldwin One Room Schoolhouse located in Bonneyville Mill County Park—53373 County Road 131, Bristol, IN 46507
- ❖ Tuesday, May 16 at the Schrock Pavilion in Shanklin Park—411 W Plymouth Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526



### Report an Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge is anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see something that doesn't look right please call 574-534-2201, send an email to [jasonkauffman@goshencity.com](mailto:jasonkauffman@goshencity.com), or submit a Stormwater Report through the City of Goshen's new "Report an Issue" button in the upper corner of the City's website ([www.goshenindiana.org](http://www.goshenindiana.org)).

